

Bloch Cancer Survivors' Plaza

Herrick Archives Building PH 315

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 The plaza was named after Richard and Annette Bloch. Richard Bloch fought off lung cancer that he was diagnosed with in 1978. He co-founded H&R Block tax preparation service.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

Cancer Survivors Park

2. Location

2.1 Located at 2180 Olentangy River Rd.

2.2 The site is located at the NE corner of the intersection of Lane Ave. and Olentangy River Road, just south of the Fawcett Center for Tomorrow (now just south of the Longaberger Alumni House).



3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

Reinforced concrete frame masonry skin.

3.2 No. of stories:

One.

3.3 Gross floor area of 73 sq. ft.

3.4 The project consisted of constructing a plaza including sculpture walls, seating area, new walkways, an open one-story structure with a fountain and interactive computer, and a connector walk to the Fawcett Center with a six-space parking lot.

B. SIGNIFICANT DATES

1. The architect/engineers was approved on March 3, 1995.
2. The schematic design was approved on March 15, 1995.
3. Design Development was approved on March 3, 1995.
4. Groundbreaking occurred on April 7, 1995.
5. Bid opening on May 23, 1995.
6. Contracts were awarded on July 11, 1995.
7. Construction began on July 31, 1995.
8. A dedication ceremony was held on May 23, 1996.
9. Construction was completed on June 30, 1996.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. R.A. Bloch Cancer Foundation made a gift of \$1 million to fund construction of 'Cancer Survivors Park' in the university's 'Chadwick Arboretum' .
2. Intent: to create a meditative place in a natural setting, and to infuse that place with strong metaphorical references reflecting notions of self healing, inner light, and transformation.
3. Elements include: landscaping and benches, sculptures of 8 life size figures passing through a symbolic maze of doorways toward recovery. A "positive mental attitude walk" with plaques giving hopeful messages and cancer fighting suggestions, and an interactive computer which will contain names of central Ohioans who have survived cancer.
4. Bronze sculptures by the late Victor Salmones.

D. PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

1. University associates who worked on the project include: Captain: Rowley, Brian
2. Architect: Milosav Cekic Architects
3. Landscape Architect: First Ave . Design
4. On August 30, 1995 the Board of Trustees awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: Gutknecht Constructon

Electric: Romanoff Electric Corp.,

E. COST

1. The budget for the project was \$1,317,805.00.

F. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

2. Other:

The Lantern - April 10, 1995

The Lantern - April 4, 1996

The Lantern - April 19, 1996

onCampus - April 25, 1996

Upper Arlington news - June 12, 1996

The Chadwick Arboretum Newsletter - July, August, September 1996 - Vol.13, No. 3

The Lantern - April 4, 1997